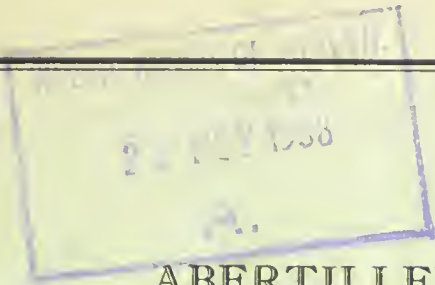


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Abertillery Urban District Council.

COUNCILLORS.

Chairman - - - W. H. JONES, J.P.
Vice-Chairman - - E. T. PHINNEMORE.

WARDS.

Cwmtillery.

G. R. SHINGLER, J.P.
P. ROOKE.
J. J. THOMAS.
Mrs. U. VERRIER.
J. J. OWEN.
W. R. JOHN

Abertillery.

S. R. HARRIS.
E. T. PHINNEMORE.
W. E. J. DERRICK.
Mrs. F. J. BROWN, M.B.E., J.P.
W. J. ADAMS.

Six Bells.

H. S. SNELGROVE.
B. EVANS.

Aberbeeg.

R. G. RICE, B.E.M., J.P.
I. POPE, B.E.M., J.P.
Mrs. PROTHEROE.

Llanhilleth.

W. H. JONES.
S. T. BUTLER.

Day of Meeting—Last Monday in each Month,
at 6 p.m.

Clerk of the Council - - H. J. WILLIAMS, F.C.C.S.
Surveyor and Water Engineer - R. H. EKE, M.I.MUN.E.
Accountant and Treasurer - R. L. ENGLAND.
Rating, Valuation Officer }
and Housing Manager } - H. P. BREWER, F.R.V.A.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

The Committee consists of all Members of the Council.

Councillor W. J. ADAMS, Chairman.

**Day of Meeting—Friday following first Monday
in each Month.**

Medical Officer of Health - J. WALTERS BOWEN,
M.B., B.CH., B.SC., D.P.H.

Senior Public Health Inspector - G. A. PARRY, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Public Health Inspector - - D. G. GRIFFITHS, M.A.P.H.I.,

Rodent Officer - - - L. JONES.

Clerk - - - - S. E. B. SHORT

ABERTILLERY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Area of District	6464 acres
Rateable Value, December 31, 1956	£138,737
Estimated Net Product of 1d. Rate, 1956	£504
Population (Estimated Mid 1957)	26,580
Population (Estimated Mid 1956)	26,790
Birth Rate per 1,000 Population, 1957	16.4
Birth Rate per 1,000 Population, 1956	17.0
Live Births, 1957	436
Live Births, 1956	457
Number of Deaths, 1957	339
Death Rate per 1,000 Population, 1957.. .. .	12.3
Number of Deaths, 1956	328
Death Rate per 1,000 Population	12.2

Abertillery Urban District Council.

R E P O R T

OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH TO THE URBAN
DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ABERTILLERY FOR THE YEAR
ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1957.

*To the Chairman and Members of
Abertillery Urban District Council.*

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Abertillery Urban District is situated in the Western Valleys of Monmouthshire, 13 miles north-west of Newport, and 20 miles south-west of Monmouth.

Its greatest length, north to south is $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles, while it varies in breadth, east to west, from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles. It has an area of $10\frac{1}{4}$ square miles, being one of the largest Urban Districts in the County. The population is 26,580, and the rateable value is £138,737. The estimated product of a penny rate is £504.

The Urban Area is divided into 5 wards:

Ward 1. Llanhilleth—This includes that part of Llanhilleth south-east of the Nant-Cuffin, with the portions of Crumlin and Hafodyrynys which are within the district. Members on Council, 2. Area, 894 acres. Electors, 2,617.

Ward 2. Aberbeeg—Comprises Aberbeeg and that portion of Llanhilleth N.W. of the Nant Cuffin. Members on Council, 3. Area, 927 acres. Electors, 2,642.

Ward 3. Six Bells—Comprises Warm Turn, Six Bells, and that portion of Abertillery south of Cwm Road and the Vivian Pit. Members on Council, 2. Area, 1,092 acres. Electors, 2,970.

Ward 4. Abertillery—Comprises the township of Abertillery, with the exception of the portions included in Wards 3 and 5. Members on Council, 5. Area, 1,151 acres. Electors, 4,354.

Ward 5. Cwmtillery—Consists of Cwmtillery with Penybont, Blaenau Gwent, and Brynteg. Members on Council, 6. Area: 2,400 acres. Electors, 5,653.

The chief centres of population are :—Cwmtillery, in the Blaentillery Valley to the north; Abertillery, at the junction of the Blaentillery and Ebbw Fach Valleys; Six Bells, in the Ebbw Fach Valley to the South of Abertillery; Aberbeeg, at the junction of the Ebbw with the Ebbw Fach; and Llanhilleth and Crumlin in the Ebbw Valley to the south.

The Upper Coal Measures have been almost wholly denuded, but the Pennant Series form a moorland plateau from 1,200 to 1,600 feet above sea-level, through which valleys, deep, narrow, and confluent, run from north to south regardless of the geological formation. The whole of the Blaentillery Valley and portions of the Valleys of the River Ebbw and its tributary, the Ebbw Fach, are within the area. The Tillery coal vein, at the base of the Pennant Series, outcrops in long lines on the sides of the valley north of Aberbeeg, and has been worked by levels.

Births.						
		1957	1956	1955	1954	1953
Number of Births	..	436	457	386	429	446
Birth Rate per 1,000—						
Abertillery	.. ..	16.4	17.0	14.3	15.8	16.4
England and Wales	..	15.1	15.5	15.4	15.2	15.5
Small Towns	..	15.3	15.7	15.8	15.6	15.7

The total number of births registered locally during 1957 as belonging to the district was 183, of which 86 were males and 97 females.

The number of births registered outside the District was 275, (males 138, females 137).

The Registrar General's return of births is 436. Of this number, 214 were males and 222 females.

The number of legitimate births was 208 males and 215 females.

The total number of illegitimate births from the Registrar General's return is 13 (6 males, 7 females).

The number of births during the year 1957 is 21 less than was recorded for 1956.

Causes of Death.

TABLE II.

<i>Causes of Death.</i> ALL CAUSES						M. 196	F. 143
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory					3	—
2.	Tuberculosis, other					—	—
3.	Syphilitic disease					—	—
4.	Diphtheria					—	—
5.	Whooping Cough					—	1
6.	Meningococcal infections					—	—
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis					—	—
8.	Measles					—	—
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases					—	—
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach					6	8
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus					7	—
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast					—	6
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus					—	4
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms					17	13
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia					1	1
16.	Diabetes					—	2
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system					23	28
18.	Coronary disease, angina					29	11
19.	Hypertension with heart disease					8	5
20.	Other heart disease					22	28
21.	Other circulatory disease					4	3
22.	Influenza					7	3
23.	Pneumonia					8	3
24.	Bronchitis					32	8
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system					3	—
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum					4	2
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea					—	1
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis					—	—
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate					4	—
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion					—	—
31.	Congenital malformations					1	2
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases					9	12
34.	Motor vehicle accidents					2	—
35.	Suicides					2	2
36.	Homicides and operations of war					—	—
37.	All other Accidents					4	—
Deaths in infants under 1 year of age :						6	3
Legitimate						6	3
Illegitimate						—	—
TOTAL BIRTHS						214	222
Legitimate						208	215
Illegitimate						6	7
STILL BIRTHS						9	4
TOTAL						9	4
Legitimate						9	4
Illegitimate						—	—

Estimated population 1957 for birth and death rates, 26,580.

TABLE III.

<i>Month</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Quarterly Births</i>
January ..	7	9	16	39
February ..	2	10	12	
March ..	4	7	11	
April ..	8	7	15	
May ..	13	11	24	54
June ..	7	8	15	
July ..	8	4	12	
August ..	7	6	13	
September ..	4	11	15	40
October ..	7	14	21	
November ..	8	6	14	
December ..	11	4	15	
<i>Total</i> ..	86	97	183	183
Inward Transferable Births ..	128	125	253	
Grand Total for 1957 ..	214	222	436	

Showing the number of births registered in the Abertillery Urban Area during 1957, according to sex, month, and quarter of occurrence, together with inward transferable births.

TABLE IV. Showing the infant deaths (*i.e.*, deaths in infants under 1 year of age) assigned to this district during 1957, by cause and in age groups.

<i>Cause of Death</i>	<i>Under 1 week</i>	<i>1—2 weeks</i>	<i>2—3 weeks</i>	<i>3—4 weeks</i>	<i>Total under 1 month</i>	<i>1—3 months</i>	<i>3—6 months</i>	<i>6—9 months</i>	<i>9—12 months</i>	<i>Total deaths under 1 year</i>
Prematurity ..	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Meningitis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Adrenal Haemorrhage ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Pneumonia ..	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	3
Convulsions ..	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Encephalo Myelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

TABLE V.

Analysis of Infectious Diseases in this District during 1957. Showing Age Sex distribution of the cases of Infectious Diseases notified in the District in 1957 also showing Admission of same to Hospital.

Disease	Under 1 year												1- 2- 3- 4- 5- 10- 15- 20- 35- 45-												65 years and upwards						All Ages		Admitted to Hospital	
	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f						
Scarlet Fever						
Diphtheria						
Measles						
Whooping Cough						
Acute Poliomyelitis						
Dysentery						
Puerperal Pyrexia						
Erysipelas						
Food Poisoning (Suspected)						
Pneumonia						
Meningitis						

There were 23 inquests during the year.

The circumstances of the deaths are analysed and are as follows :—

			<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cardiac Failure .. ..	..	..	4	—	4
Accidental Death .. ..	..	..	8	—	8
Post Operative Death .. ..	..	..	2	1	3
Coal Gas Poisoning .. ..	..	..	1	2	3
Pneumonoconiosis .. ..	..	..	2	—	2
Cancer of Lung .. ..	..	..	1	—	1
Influenza .. ..	..	..	1	—	1
Violent Death Suicide .. ..	..	..	1	—	1
Total ..			20	3	23

Zymotic Diseases.

Table No. V shows the notifiable diseases which were notified in the area during 1957.

Diphtheria.

No cases of Diphtheria were notified during the year.

The immunisation of the pre-school child is now carried out at the Infant Welfare Centres by the various medical officers in attendance. Parents too may make private arrangements with their own general practitioner for such immunisation. To attain the maximum degree of protection by immunisation it is advisable that booster doses should be given when the child first attends school.

Scarlet Fever.

As will be seen from the table, 7 cases were notified of whom 2 were removed to hospital because of the impossibility of complete isolation at home, which is very necessary to prevent the spread of infection. All these cases were of a very mild character and were scattered throughout the district, there being no localised outbreaks.

Measles.

29 cases of Measles were notified during the year.

Whooping Cough.

31 cases were notified during the year.

Poliomyelitis.

There were 18 cases of Poliomyelitis during the year of which none proved fatal.

All were admitted to hospital, and I would like to thank the staff of Alt-yr-yn Isolation Hospital, Newport, for their ready acceptance of cases.

Three cases were retained in hospital for a considerable period and still need physiotherapy for affected limbs.

During this period outbreak emergency measures such as closure of schools, etc., were taken and no doubt helped to prevent further spread of the disease.

Notification of Poliomyelitis (over last 5 years)

1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
-	-	1	5	-

During 1957 Poliomyelitis Vaccination was began and there was a good response from the public.

However, it is hoped that ~~increased~~ supplies of safe and successful vaccine against this crippling disease will increase and so ultimately get the results that have been obtained with Diphtheria immunisation and Small Pox vaccination.

TABLE VI.

Showing Monthly notification of Tuberculosis (all forms) for the year 1957.

<i>Month</i>	PULMONARY		NON-PULMONARY		TOTAL
	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	
January ..	1	1	—	—	2
February	—	—	—	—	—
March ..	2	2	—	1	5
April ..	—	—	—	—	—
May ..	—	1	—	—	1
June ..	1	1	—	—	2
July ..	1	—	—	—	1
August ..	—	—	1	—	1
September	1	—	—	1	2
October ..	3	1	—	—	4
November	1	1	—	—	2
December	—	—	—	—	—
	10	7	1	2	20

TABLE VII.

Year	Yearly Notification of Tuberculosis.				Total Yearly Cases of Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary T.B.	Deaths from Tuberculosis				Total Yearly Deaths from Tuberculosis
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		
	Males	Females	Males	Females		Males	Females	Males	Females	
1949	17	9	3	1	30	10	8	1	2	21
1950	10	7	3	2	22	6	3	1	1	11
1951	14	13	1	1	29	5	1	2	1	9
1952	12	9	4	3	28	7	3	2	1	13
1953	12	15	4	2	33	2	2	1	—	5
1954	16	5	—	—	21	7	3	—	—	10
1955	10	11	1	—	22	1	5	—	—	6
1956	16	6	—	—	22	2	—	—	—	2
1957	10	7	1	2	20	3	—	—	—	3

TABLE VIII. Showing the admissions and discharges to institutions for the treatment of of Tuberculosis during 1957.

Institution	Admissions		Discharges	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
Energlyn	1	—	3	1
Chepstow Annexe ...	3	—	3	—
Gelli-Gaer	—	9	—	7
Glan Ely	2	—	3	2
South Wales Sanatorium, Talgarth	14	—	10	—
Sully	3	4	2	5
Cefn Mably... ..	2	—	3	1
Mardy	1	—	—	—
	26	13	24	16

All cases of suspected Tuberculosis are seen at the Chest Clinic run by the Regional Hospital Board.

The number of new cases examined from the Abertillery District during 1957 was 223 and of these the number of cases diagnosed as suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis and Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis are as follows :—

Pulmonary Tuberculosis	..	..	..	10 males
				7 females
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	..	..		1 male
				2 females

Total number of attendances during 1957 at the Clinic, (*i.e.*, new and old cases during 1957)—1,048.

Meteorological Records.

SUMMARY OF DAILY RECORDS TAKEN AT NEW CEMETERY AND THE PARK, 1957.

<i>Month</i>	<i>The Park</i>		<i>New Cemetery</i>		
			<i>Sunshine</i>	<i>Temperature</i>	
	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Rain Days</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Highest</i>	<i>Lowest</i>
January ..	5.36	17	12.50	54.0	19.5
February ..	7.56	20	34.50	50.5	19.8
March ..	5.83	16	47.20	64.0	25.5
April ..	.15	3	62.50	64.5	26.0
May ..	2.62	10	69.50	73.0	26.0
June ..	1.32	11	85.50	83.3	31.2
July ..	3.96	18	56.20	83.8	38.5
August ..	5.40	15	81.00	78.0	36.0
September ..	8.35	15	45.50	65.4	28.5
October ..	4.68	14	44.40	66.2	25.9
November ..	2.79	9	24.50	52.3	22.0
December ..	5.62	18	13.50	54.0	11.0

Total inches for year, 53.63 Rain days, 166.

Total hours of Sunshine, 580

Highest Temperature for Year, 83.8° F.

Lowest Temperature for Year, 11.00° F.

COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF HOUSE AND TRADE REFUSE.

The following report was kindly supplied by the Engineer and Surveyor, REGINALD H. EKE, Esq., M.I.MUN.E.

The collection of Refuse in the Urban Area is carried out with Petrol-Driven Vehicles with covered bodies of semi-circular type so as to prevent, as far as possible, dust being blown about while the lorries are travelling.

Collections are made three times weekly, also collection of Trade Refuse from the Business Premises.

The method of disposal is by the well-known Bradford Method, described as "Controlled Tipping."

Disposal is by the "Controlled Tipping" method, by which the refuse is laid to plan, properly consolidated, and the areas later used to provide facilities for recreation. The Council have formed Sports Grounds at Rose Heyworth Road for the Abertillery Grammar School, and the Ground, when completed by the School Authority will include a Football Field, Hockey Pitch, Cricket Pitch and Tennis Courts.

Other Grounds completed are at the Walpole Field, Llanhilleth, Woodland Field, Cwmtillery, a Children's Playground and a Recreation Ground at Aberbeeg, and another Recreation Ground is being formed at Brynithel. Considerable interest is being shewn in these activities by neighbouring Authorities, and several Councils have sent their Representatives to view the progress and method of the work.

THE ABERTILLERY & DISTRICT WATER BOARD.

The Engineer to the Board, PERCY BEARD, Esq., A.M.INST.C.E., A.M.INST.W.E., A.M.I.MECH.E., has supplied the following particulars.

The total rainfall for 1957, at Grwyne Fawr Reservoir, Breconshire, was 60.59 inches as compared with 47.93 inches in 1956, and 53.70 inches in 1955.

During 1957, the highest monthly rainfall recorded was 9.41 inches in September and the lowest was 0.35 inches in April.

The highest daily rainfall recorded was 1.98 inches on the 23rd December. Rain fell on 204 days at the Reservoir during 1957.

The mains and service pipes in the Board's district are continually tested and inspected for leakages and many repairs are carried out to fractured pipes.

The Board's Llanover Pumping Treatment Plant since it has been commissioned has made good the deficiencies which existed in some areas under normal conditions and has proved an invaluable source of supply in times of drought. Treated Llanover water passed to supply during 1957:— 189,114,000 gallons.

Common Lodging House.

There is only one registered common lodging house in the district and this is situate at Crumlin. The premises are kept in a clean condition and in good repair.

Pit-Head Baths.

Pit-head baths are now established in connection with the Rose Heyworth, Cwmtillery, Llanhilleth and Arael Griffin Collieries.

These establishments are working satisfactorily and are proving a great boon to those engaged in the industry.

Swimming Baths.

There is one swimming bath in this area situated in the Park at Abertillery, and controlled by the Abertillery U.D.C.

This is an open-air bath, which was originally constructed in 1900, and measured 90 feet x 30 feet, with 88,594 gallons capacity. The bath was modernised in 1936 at a cost of £3,000, providing a bath 92 feet x 43 feet, with 125,000 gallons capacity. The special filtration plant is capable of "turning the water over" in six hours. There are 20 cubicles for men and 13 for women, with provision for sun-bathing on concrete promenades.

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Date of Construction | 1900—Modernised 1936. |
| 2. Open-air or Covered | Open-air. |
| 3. Cost of Construction | Modernisation £3,000. |
| 4. Capacity : | |
| (a) Dimensions | 92ft. x 43ft. |
| (b) Gallonage to fill | 125,000. |
| (c) Number of bathers provided for | 33 Cubicles. |
| 5. Method of Purification | Filtration and Chlorinisation Plant. |

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|---|--|
| 6. How often changed | Six-hourly periods of "turn over" |
| 7. Source of Water Supply. | Local. |
| (a) If local, estimated flow | (a) 30/60 gallons per minute according to season from adjacent stream. |
| | (b) Mains supply. |
| (b) If purchased, cost per 1,000 gallons. | (a) Annual easement for water right. |
| | (b) 2/- per 1,000 gallons. |
| 8. Laundry facilities (if any) | None. |
| 9. Number of cubicles | 33. |
| 10. Any other dressing accommodation provided | None. |
| 11. Number of Staff engaged | One to Two. |
| 12. Duration of open period | April to September. |

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Public Health Inspectors and other Departments of the Council for their willing co-operation during the year.

Yours obediently,

J. WALTERS BOWEN,

Medical Officer of Health.

Abertillery
Urban District Council.

Senior Public Health Inspector's

REPORT

For the Year

1957

Public Health Department,
Oddfellows Hall,
Queen Street,
Abertillery, Mon.

The following is my report on work carried out by the Department for the year ending December 31st, 1957.

The Sanitary Administration and Conditions for the year 1957

The following tables show particulars of the work carried out by Public Health Inspectors :—

Visits to Animals, etc., kept :—

Piggeries	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Stables	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Fowls, pigeons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8

Complaints :—

Total number investigated (all premises)	..	..	..	..	..	..	574
Common Lodging Houses	..	..	..	..	..	..	11

Dairies :—

Premises examined	..	..	..	..	..	..	57
Number of Purveyors' vehicles	..	..	..	..	..	..	28

Drainage :—

Number of main or branch drains smoke tested	..	..	..	..	..	41
„ „ „ „ „ „ colour tested	..	..	..	..	..	66
„ „ „ „ „ „ found defective	..	..	..	..	..	84
„ „ „ „ „ „ re-constructed	..	..	..	..	..	40
Visits to works in progress	..	..	..	..	..	86

Dwelling Houses :—

Number inspected <i>re</i> complaint of nuisance	..	..	..	..	..	478
Number re-inspected „ „	..	..	..	..	..	624
Number inspected <i>re</i> overcrowding	..	..	..	..	..	—
Interviews with Owners	96
„ „ Tradesmen	70

Licensed Houses, Cafes, etc. examined <i>re</i> urinals, W.C.	15
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Miscellaneous Visits :—

Visits not otherwise classified	102
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Offensive Trade premises	6
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Public Conveniences :—

Number inspected	99
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Amusement premises	62
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The nuisances were :—

Defective Roofs, troughing, down-pipes, etc.	185
Defective Window-frames, doors, etc.	40
Defective or insufficient yard paving	..	..	..	..	..	4
Damp or Defective Walls, external	..	..	..	..	..	42
Choked or defective drainage	..	..	..	..	..	84
Insufficient W.C. and slop-water drainage	..	..	..	..	..	12
Defective and insufficient closet accommodation	..	..	..	..	..	25

Defective and insufficient water supply	1
Miscellaneous nuisances	40
Defective ceilings	35
Defective walls (internal)	28
Defective floors	14
Defective waste pipes	4

Many and varied were the nuisances discovered. In some cases the owners and occupiers were interviewed and the nuisances abated at once, and in other cases legal notices were served.

Foods.

MILK SUPPLY.

Number of persons registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1950.

Number on Register in 1957	17
Licensed to sell Pasteurised Milk	14
Licensed to sell Sterilised Milk	12
Licensed to sell Tuberculin Tested Milk	14

Supplementary Licences to sell—

Sterilised Milk	2
Pasteurised Milk	3
T.T. Milk	3

The number of inspections made last year was 57 and Vehicles 28

ICE CREAM.

Number of premises registered during the year	3
Number of premises registered	85
Number of registered persons producing	—
Number of inspections of premises and vehicles	66

CARCASE AND OFFAL INSPECTED.

	Steers and Heifers	Cows and Bulls	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Ewes and Rams	Pigs	Sows and Boars
No. Killed	55	6	—	508	—	140	—
No. Inspected	55	6	—	508	—	140	—
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cystercerci— Whole carcase condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	4 7.37%	3 50%	—	5 .98%	—	2 1.428%	—
Tuberculosis only— Whole carcase condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1 1.82%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cystercercosis— Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

The following particulars show the amount of attention given to securing a wholesome supply of food.

Visits to Premises :—

Fish, fruit and vegetable shops	..	..	..	..	81
Meat shops	..	..	..	..	292
Fried fish and chip shops	..	..	..	..	51
Bakehouses	..	..	..	..	45
Fishmongers	..	..	..	..	40
Premises registered for the preparation of food	..				151
Other premises where food is prepared, sold or stored	..				308
Cafes and Hotels	..	..	..	..	15

STORES AND VEHICLES.

Attention is being given to the cleanliness of vehicles, wrappers, etc., used for bringing meat into the district and for conveying meat to the shops, and the conditions are satisfactory.

The men who handle such meat are compelled to wear clean overalls.

There is no public abattoir but there is one private slaughter-house which is used regularly.

FRIED FISH AND CHIP SHOPS.

There are 10 registered shops in the area which are kept in a satisfactory condition.

51 inspections of these premises were carried out.

OTHER FOODS.

Meat, fish and fruit shops are regularly visited, and the food exposed for sale or stored is examined.

Pork butchers' premises, where sausage meat and small goods are prepared, receive great and constant attention.

Bakehouses are regularly inspected, and the sanitary conditions are noted and dealt with as required.

No cases of food poisoning were notified in the district during 1957.

The Sale of Food and Drugs Act is administered by the Monmouthshire County Council.

Summary of Foodstuffs Condemned.

<i>No.</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Weight</i>
55+ tins	Tomatoes	
14 „	Cream	
102 „	Evaporated Milk	
47 „	Soup	
116 „	Peas	
94 „	Beans	
259 „	Fruit	
2 „	Stew	
29 „	Fish	
4 Jars	Pickle Cabbage	
3 tins	Shrimps	
8 tins	Manderins	
5 tins	Skimmed Milk	
6 „	Condensed Milk	
1 „	Creamed Rice	
10 „	Spaghetti	
1 jar	Sandwich Spread	
6 tins	Nescafe	
3 jars	Paste	
25 jars	Cream	
12 pkts.	Currants	
2 tins	Syrup	
9 tins	Strained Food	
3 jars	Tomato and Cheese	
2 tins	S.P. Roll	
4 tins	Broth	
5 tins	Miscellaneous	
1 tin	Steak and Gravy	
20 tins	Corned Beef	107½ lbs.
13	Chickens	47 lbs.
	Sultanas	1½ lbs.
	Currants	16½ lbs.
	Cooked Ham	423¼ lbs.

Summary of Foodstuffs Condemned—contd.

<i>No.</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Weight</i>
38 tins	Pork Luncheon Meat	
4 „	Spam	
62 „	Minced Beef Loaf .. .	
11 „	Tongue	6 lbs.
17 „	Chopped Pork	
38 tins	Stewed Steak	
6 „	Beef and Vegetable	
12 „	Meat and Vegetable .. .	
	Ox Tongue	18 lbs.
	Jellied Veal	36 lbs.
4 tins	Pork Luncheon Meat.. .. .	4 lbs.
2 „	Pork Roll	
1 „	Pigs Tongue	
	Dutch Prawns	16 lbs.
	Gammon	32 lbs.
12 tins	Irish Stew	
	Casserole Steak	
	Veal and Ham	12lbs. 9ozs
3 tins	Minced Roll	
	Pigs Kidneys	15 lbs.
	Sausages	9 lbs. 1½ozs
	Beef	128 lbs.
3 tins	Lambs Tongues	
	Chitterlings	$\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.
	Fish	4 stone
	Cheeses	25 lbs.

Housing.

Number of new houses erected during the year :—

Total	nil
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1. Inspection of Dwelling houses during the year:—

(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts	189
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(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose ..	478
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(2) (a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-heading (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925-1952 .. .	2
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(b)	Number of inspections made for that purpose ..	5
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(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious as to be unfit for human habitation	2
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(4)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under previous sub-headings found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	187
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2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notice —

	Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	85
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

(a) Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	nil
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(2)	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
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(a)	By owners	nil
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(b)	By local authority in default of owners	nil
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HOUSING—cont.

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	64
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners	51
(b) By local authority in default of owners	7
(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936, and Section 10 (1) and 11 (2) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous) Provisions Act, 1953:—	
(1) Number of representations made to the Local Authority in respect of unfit dwelling-houses ..	nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which demolition Orders were made	nil
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which closing orders were made	ni ₁
(4) Number of dwelling-houses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders	nil
(5) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were revoked	nil
(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:—	
(1) Number of representations made to the local authority in respect of parts of dwelling-houses or underground rooms	2
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of parts of which Closing Orders were made	2

Housing, 1956.

SHOWING THE NUMBER OF HOUSES OWNED BY
ABERTILLERY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL AT 31/12/57

	<i>Temp. Pre-fabs</i>	<i>Perm. Pre-fabs</i>	<i>Traditional (Including requisitioned Property)</i>	TOTAL
*No of houses owned by Local Authority on 31/12/57 (including Flats)	100	300	450	850
No. of houses in course of erection on 31/12/57 ...	—	—		
No. of houses for which sanction had been given, but which had not been commenced on 31/12/57	—	—	—	—
†By Local Authority	—	—	nil	nil
†By Private Enterprise	—	—	4	4
TOTAL	—	—	4	4

*Showing the number of Houses owned by Abertillery Urban District Council at 31/12/57.

†Showing the number of Houses erected by the Abertillery Urban District Council and by Private Enterprise during 1957.

REGISTERED FACTORIES.

Factories without Mechanical Power :—

Boot repairers	1
Carpentry and Joinery	2
Radio and Electrical repairs.. .. .	1
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Total	4

Factories with Mechanical Power :—

Bake-houses	5
Brewers	1
Motor repairers	8
Mortar Mills	2
Carpentry and Joinery	6
Undertakers	2
Sausage and Cooked Meats.. .. .	5
Boot repairers	1
Dressmaking	2
Industrial Gloves	1
Wagon repairers	1
Iron Foundries	1
Tin Plating	1
Gas Works	1
Printing Works	3
Manufacturing Chemists	1
Lampshade Making	1
Precast Concrete Making	1
Dairies	1
Watch repairers	1
Cable repairs	1
Works of Engineering Construction	1
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Total	47

Factory Act, 1937.

1. Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

<i>Premises</i>	<i>Number on Register</i>	<i>Number of</i>		<i>Occupier Prosecuted</i>
		<i>Inspections</i>	<i>Written Notices</i>	
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 enforced by Local Authority ..	4	34	—	—
(2) Factories not inc. in (1) to which Section 7 applies ..	46	70	—	—
(a) Subject to the L/A's (transfer of Enforcement) Order 1938				
(b) Others ..	1	4	—	—
(3) Other premises under the Act (excluding outworkers' premises) ..	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	51	108	—	—

2.—DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES.

<i>Particulars</i>	<i>Number of Defects</i>			<i>Number of Prosecutions</i>
	<i>Found</i>	<i>Remedied</i>	<i>Referred by H.M. Insp.</i>	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	4	4	—	—
Want of ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—
Want of drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—
Sanitary accommodation { insufficient	3	3	3	—
{ unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—
{ not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—
Other offences (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	7	7	3	—

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

Form PDP/R.3

REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1957.

Name of Local Authority—ABERTILLERY U.D.C. (County)—MONMOUTHSHIRE.

	NON-AGRICULTURAL				Total Cols. 1, 2, 3	Agricultural
	Local Authority	Dwelling houses Inc. Council houses	All other (in- cluding Business Premises).			
I. Total number of properties in Local Authority's District (Notes 1 and 2)	1	2	3			
	27	7236	491		7754	27
II. Number of properties inspected as a result of :—						
(a) Notification	5	173	17		195	
(b) Survey under the Act	22	842	294		1158	16
(c) Otherwise (e.g., when visited primarily for some other purpose)	—	—	—		—	—
III. Total inspections carried out—including re-inspections (To be completed only if figures are readily available)	—	—	—		—	—
IV. Number of properties inspected (in Sect. II) which were found to be infested by :—						
(a) Rats	—	3	—		3	—
Minor	9	90	10		109	—
(b) Mice	—	6	—		6	—
Minor	—	74	4		78	—

V.	Number of infested properties (in Sect. IV) treated by the Local Authority (Figures should not exceed those given at Sect. IV.)	9	173	14	196	—
VI.	Total treatments carried out including re-treatments (To be completed only if figures are readily available)					
VII.	Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act :—					
	(a) Treatment	—	—	—	—	—
	(b) Structural Works (i.e. Proofing) ..	—	19	—	19	—
VIII.	Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Section 4 of the Act.	—	—	—	—	—
IX.	Legal Proceedings	—	—	—	—	—
X.	Number of "block" control schemes carried out...	—	6	—	6	—

In conclusion, I wish to thank all Departments of the Council for their willing co-operation during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. A. PARRY,
Senior Inspector.





